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ALIGNMENT RING AND
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.